

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

REPORT

File No. 8769
SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
Foreign Registration Station
No. 1.00.1095
Date March 20, 1930
Date 3-3-30

Subject (in full) ARMS.

Made by Temp. Cl. Asst Cook.

Forwarded by Jhr Robertson C.D. 1.

The local Customs authorities seized 12 automatic pistols, 12 magazines for same and 1,200 rounds of ammunition when searching the German steamer "Dessua" (Norddeutscher Lloyd Co.) on March 15, 1930.

T. C. A.

A/D. C. I.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

REPORT

108760 File No.
SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
Foreign Registration Station,
No. 1, O. D. 944
Date February 3, 1930.
Date Feb. 2, 1930.

Subject (in full) Seizure of Arms.

Made by Temp. Cl. Asst. Cook.

Forwarded by Thos Robertson C.D.I.

The local Customs authorities seized the following arms on January 27 in the s.s. "Coblenz," a German steamer belonging to the Norddeutscher Lloyd Steamship Co.:—

8 Automatic pistols.
10 Magazines for same.
1000 Rounds of ammunition.

John Fock
T. C. A.

A/D. C. I.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
Foreign Station,
No. 1. O. D. 920.
Date January 24, 1930.
Date 1.25.1.30.

Subject (in full) Seizure of Arms by local Customs.

Made by Temp. Cl. Asst Cook.

Forwarded by Jhs Robertson C.D.I.

The search party of the local Customs seized
the following arms on January 19 in the German steamer

"Havenstein" belonging to the Hamburg-Amerika Linie:-

4 Mausers.

70 Automatic pistols 7.65.

70 Magazines for same.

7000 Rounds of ammunition for same.

400 " " " Mausers.

T. C. A.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
Field Station,
No. 1, O. D. 829.
Date January 14, 1930.
Date 15.1.30.

Subject (in full) Munitions per S.S. "Betram Rickmers" for Mukden.

Made by Temp. Cl. Asst Cook.

Forwarded by *Thos Robertson C.D.*

As the result of negotiations, the Nanking Government have permitted the Mukden authorities to receive the 1961 cases of arms and ammunition, which were loaded in the S.S. "Amur" at Woosung on January 11 for Chinwangtao.

John T. Lee
T. C. A.

HP
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A/D. C. I.

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A.C. (Tel)
As usual please
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Reg. For attention *WHL* 15/1/30

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O.A. 15.1.30.

Shanghai Municipal Police

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE	
C. I. D. REGISTRY	
No. 10. D. 829	
Date 3.1.30	
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REPORT ON Munitions and gunpowder per s.s. "Betram Rickmers".

Made by Temp. Cl. Asst. Cook

Forwarded by John Robertson C.I.D. 1.

The German steamer "Betram Rickmers", which arrived at Shanghai on December 25, had on board a consignment of 1961 cases of arms and ammunition for the Mukden authorities. These munitions, which were duly covered by official "huchao", were brought to China by the American Export & Import Co., of Tientsin, whose representative, a Mr. Louchs, came specially to Shanghai.

The Nanking Government authorities, on account of the political tension in the North, declared the "huchao" cancelled and gave orders to the Customs authorities to store the munitions in their munitions godown pending a decision.

In addition to these munitions some 200 cases of gunpowder were also brought in the "Betram Rickmers" by Messrs. Carlowitz & Co., 220 Szechuen Road, under "huchao" for the Commander of the 3rd Division of the Nationalist Army, General Chen Chi-shun at Taiyuanfu, Shansi, but were treated in a similar manner by the Nanking Government Authorities.

Both consignments are at present stored in the Customs Munitions Godown.

Temp. Cl. Asst. Cook

A. D.C.I.

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C. I. D. F. E. S. T. V.
No. 1. 0. D. 839.
Date 12-31-28

THE NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS, MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1928

It is said that some 700 cases of ammunition, ordered by General Feng Yu-hsiang, arrived from Germany on Saturday.

A. C. (Pal)

Reference above the S.S. "Bertram Rickmess" arrived in Shanghai on December 29, with only 384 cases of munition for this port. Altogether 768 cases of munitions were landed at Waasung but 384 are for Lake Bar. The munitions are for the Nanking Government.

H. Robertson
D.I. 31¹²/₂₈

A/D.L.I. I recommend that copies be sent to the various Authorities.

Yes / 1200

Copy to:
Mr. Janssen
Mr. H. B. Halland 3/29
Capt. J. P. Chelliey
Mr. E. S. Carlson

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C. I. D. REGISTRY

Foreign Section Station,

No. 100-8760

Date December 21, 1929.

24-12-29

REPORT

Subject (in full) Seizure of Arms.

Made by Temp. Cl. Ass't Cook. Forwarded by Jhr Robertson C.I.D. 1

The search gang of the local Customs seized one automatic and 300 rounds of ammunition for same on December 10th when searching the German steamer "Isar."

John Hook
T. C. A.

A/D. C. I.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
Foreign Station,
No. 1, O. R. 206...
Date December 4, 1929.
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Subject (in full) Seizure of Arms by Local Customs Authorities.

Made by Temp. Cl. Ass't Cook.

Forwarded by John Robertson C.D.I.

On November 30, the Local Customs authorities,
when searching the German steamer s.s. "Ammon" of the
Hamburg Amerika Linie, seized 45 mauser pistols 7.63
and 4,500 rounds of ammunition for same and 1 automatic
7.65 with 100 rounds of ammunition.

John T. Cook
T. C. A.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. I. D. REGISTRY
No. 1. Q. 10 November 28, 1929.
Date 29/11/29

Subject (in full) Seizure of Arms by local Customs.

Made by Temp. Cl. Ass't. Cook.

Forwarded by John Robertson C.D.I.

On November 17, the local Customs authorities, when searching the German steamer "Saarland," seized 180 automatics (7.65) and 18,025 rounds of ammunition for same.

The automatics were complete with magazines.

John T. Cook
T. C. A.

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NR A/D. C. I.

Recd 29/11

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
Foreign Section Station

Date October 30, 1929
File 30. 10. 27

Subject (in full) Explosives in German Steamer.

Made by Temp. Cl. Ass't Cook. Forwarded by

W. G. W. A. B. (B. B.)

The steamer reported, in the attached excerpt from the "Kiangnan Evening News," to be carrying firearms from Germany is the "R.C. Rickmers" of the Rickmers Linie.

Her cargo consisted of explosives, detonators and fuse for mining purposes in Korea.

In view of the extremely delicate state of political tension existing at present in China the Nationalist authorities seemed to doubt the veracity of the entries in the manifest of the above ship and conducted a most searching examination of her cargo, opening dynamite tins, detonator and fuse cases, only to learn that the manifest was correct.

A contradiction of the communication of the "Sin Wan Pao" and "Kiangnan Evening News" appeared in the "Hsin Wen Pao" on October 25 after the Nationalist authorities had completely satisfied themselves with their search.

John T. Cook
T. C. A.

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October 24'29

Morning Translation

MISCELLANEOUS

EXPLOSIVES AND GUN POWDER ON A GERMAN STEAMER.

The Sin Wan Pao, the China Times and other local newspapers publish the following report:-

Acting on secret information to the effect that a large quantity of firearms, ordered by a certain party from Germany, is being transported on board the s.s. Recanver and that the vessel is about to arrive at Woosung, the Ministry of Navy has sent the gunboat "Hai Yung" to wait outside Woosung.

At midnight October 22/3 the German vessel was noticed proceeding in the direction of Shanghai. She was detained and a search revealed a large quantity of explosives and gun powder consigned to Korea, Dalren and other places. The contraband was later moved removed. An investigation is being made.

Extract from the Afternoon Translation dated 16/10/29

LARGE SHIPMENT OF ARMS ARRIVES FOR NANKING

The Kiangnan Evening News publishes the following report :-

According to information from a certain foreign merchants, a large shipment of firearms will arrive at this port from Germany this afternoon. It is said that these firearms will be sufficient for the equipment of three divisions. The steamer will be escorted to Nanking by two gunboats which will be waiting outside Woosung.

Foreign Section:

*For inquiry and report in
due course please.*

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16:10:21.

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File No.

Foreign Section Station.

Date October 26 1929

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Subject (in full) ARMS.

Made by Temp. Cl. Ass't Cook.

Forwarded by

John Robertson C.D.I.

The total amount of arms seized during September 1929
by the local Customs (River Police) was 40 automatic pistols
7.63 on September 17, in the s.s. "Kitano Maru."

John Hook
T. C. A.

A/D. C. I.

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THE SHANGHAI TIMES, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1929.

NEWSPAPERS SCORE MUNITIONS SALE

Press Of Paris Arrogant
ed Over Public
Auction

Paris, Sept. 26.

Large stocks of obsolete war material are offered for sale by public auction which is scheduled to take place on October 11. The war material includes Winchester rifles, carbines and rifles of other make dating from the years 1866 to 1874 together with bayonets and nearly twenty million rounds of ammunition. French citizens and resident foreigners are admitted as bidders on the condition that their purchases must be exported abroad within one year.

The press generally condemns the disposal of this war material by public sale. The Paris paper "Matin" demands that the arms with which several divisions of soldiers can be equipped, be destroyed, saying "while diplomats are endeavouring to liquidate the outstanding war problems, the French military administration throws on the market large quantities of unused war material with which the reactionaries of many countries will be glad to arm themselves."—Transocean-Kuo Min.

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DATE 28.9.29.
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.

REPORT

Foreign Section Station.

Date September 26, 1929

Subject (in full) Arms s.s. "Frey."

Made by Temp. Cl. Ass't Cook.

Forwarded by *Thos Robertson C.D.I.*

The Norwegian ship "Frey," 4700 tons dead weight carrying a cargo of arms and ammunition, which put in at Singapore on September 10 with engine trouble, is now reported to have touched at Haifong where she discharged half of her cargo, after which she proceeded to Newchwang where she unloaded a part of the arms and ammunition. She then left for Chinwangtao where she delivered the balance.

This action is explained as being the result of the difficulty of receiving the money balance- 30% cash on delivery- by the shippers from the Chinese and is also attributed to these latter now "confiscating" such cargoes.

The arms and ammunition stored at Haifong are under French protection and the shippers will have to pay only the storage due.

The above arms deal was arranged by the Frenchman, Monsieur Verendart, the former French Consul at Shanghai, who was responsible for the famous s.s. "Praga" arms consignment to China in January 1928.

John H. Cook
T. C. A.

Recd.

A/D. C. I.

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Seizure At Chinwangtao Of German Shipment Stirs Criticisms Of Newspaper

Authorities Confiscate Goods Consigned To
Mukden Arsenal Which Were Withheld
When Payment Was Not Made

(Reuter's Pacific Service)
Tientsin, September 13.—The
Peking & Tientsin Times to-day
sharply criticises the action taken
in connection with some German
goods which recently arrived at
Chinwangtao.

A German firm, says the news-
paper, recently imported, under a
regular "Huchao," some "goods" for
the Mukden Arsenal. Pending the
liquidation of outstanding indebted-
ness, the firm stored the goods in
the godowns of the Kailan Mining
Administration. Last Wednesday a

party of Manchu soldiers, accom-
panied by officials who alleged that
they were acting under orders from
Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang enter-
ed the godown and, in spite of the
protests made by the agents, re-
moved the 201 cases stored there
by the German firm to the nearest
military Yamen.

"The Native Customs has since
produced a lengthy communication
alleging that the cargo has been
confiscated as contraband, so as to
prevent it falling into the hands of
bad characters."

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POLITICAL BRANCH
(FOREIGN SECTION)
DATE 15.9.29

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September 13, 9

F.W. Mase, Esq.,
Commissioner of Customs,
Shanghai.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that information has been received from India by cable that the S.S. "Mantua" which arrived at Bombay from Europe on the 30th of August enroute to the Far East, was searched at Bombay with the result that forty automatic pistols, one revolver and over four thousand rounds of ammunition and a quantity of contraband drugs were discovered from sixteen boxes belonging to some of the crew, of whom fifteen have been arrested. It is believed that about a hundred weapons and ten thousand rounds of ammunition were originally brought from Europe and were intended for sale in China. As there was not sufficient time to permit of a thorough search being made at Bombay, the Authorities at Colombo were asked to search the vessel again. Penang, Singapore, and Hongkong were also notified by cable.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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Acting Director of Criminal Investigation.

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On 15.9.29. when
Delivered to. notified
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September 13, 29.

Dear Colonel.

I have to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter dated September 13, 1929, on the subject of S.S. "Mantua" and to inform you that the matter is receiving attention.

Yours sincerely,



Lieut. Col. G. H. R. Halland, O.B.E.,
North China Command.

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13.9.29
H. B. M. Consulate-General,
Shanghai.

13th. September, 1929.

My dear Aiers,

I have received information from India by telegram that the s.s. "Mantua" which arrived at Bombay from Europe on the 30th. of August enroute to the Far East, was searched at Bombay with the result that forty automatic pistols, one revolver and over four thousand rounds of ammunition and a quantity of contraband drugs were recovered from sixteen boxes belonging to some of the crew, of whom fifteen have been arrested. It is believed that about a hundred weapons and ten thousand rounds of ammunition were originally brought from Europe and were intended for sale in China. As there was not sufficient time to permit of a thorough search being made at Bombay, the Authorities at Columbo were asked to search the vessel again. The Government of India have also telegraphed this information to Penang, Singapore and Hongkong.

Yours sincerely,

R. C. Aiers, Esq.,

Assistant Commissioner of Police,

Criminal Investigation Department,

Shanghai Municipal Police,

SHANGHAI.

C. H. A. Hall

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"with thanks"
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From,

THE
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,

C. I. D. [CRIME.]

BOMBAY.

To,

F. W. Gerard Esq C.I.D.

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Shanghai,

China.

My Dear Gerard.

I am sending you a
copy of a report that is going
to the D.I.B. regarding
arms smuggling. You will no
doubt be interested.

Yours m. cordly

Herbert

4-9-29.



SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

C. I. D. REGISTRY

No. 1. O... 8760...

Date 13/9/29

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Office of the Commissioner of Police, Bombay

No. 3993 of 1929.
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From

THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
BOMBAY.

To

The Director,
Intelligence Bureau,
Home Department, Government of India,
S. I. N. S.

Bombay, 13rd September 1929.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that in consequence of information received, the English Mail (S.S. Mantua of the P. & O. S. N. Co.) was searched on her arrival in Bombay on Friday, August 30th, 1929, and a quantity of arms, ammunition and contraband was seized. The following were found:-

- 1 Revolver
- 40 Automatic pistols
- 4075 Pounds of ammunition
- 23 lbs. of Charas
- 2 lbs. of Opium.

The arms and contraband seized were recovered from 16 boxes belonging to some of the crew, of whom 15 have been placed under arrest.

The "Mantua" arrived from Europe and was on her way to the Far East. She was in port in Bombay for a few hours only.

Enquiries have not yet been completed, but I am inclined to believe that the arms and ammunition at any rate were intended for sale in China where, I understand, they are likely to fetch a high price. At the present time I do not think that there is any reason to suspect that there is a conspiracy afoot to smuggle arms into this country. My

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reasons are as follows:-

- (a) No effort was made by those who were in possession of the arms to bring them ashore. The ship arrived at 6 a.m. and was due to sail about 6 hours later. The Police and Preventive Officers did not begin their search until about 11-30 a.m., and thus for 5 1/2 hours no attempt had been made to smuggle the goods ashore. The search made was very hurriedly carried out, the departure of the ship being delayed about a couple of hours.
- (b) No very elaborate precautions have^d been taken to conceal the arms. These were found in the locked boxes of certain members of the crew. The crew could hardly have suspected that a search would be made, and did not therefore take the trouble to conceal the arms more effectively.
- (c) Had there been a conspiracy to import arms into this country, the smugglers, in my opinion, would not have brought them in a ship that was to remain only a few hours at the Ballard Pier, immediately opposite the custom house. The landing of the arms would have had to be carried out under the most difficult circumstances. A ship would rather have been selected that was to remain in dock for some days.
- (d) The smugglers themselves would have little opportunity of landing their cargo in large quantities in view of the fact that they would be on duty in connection with the hurried arrival and departure of the ship.

The information on which action was taken was not received first hand, but there was good reason for supposing that all the arms originally brought from Europe had not been seized. It was estimated - though no definite information is available on the point - that there were originally

about 100 weapons, and 100 rounds of ammunition for each weapon. A cable was, therefore, sent to the Deputy Inspector General of Police, C.I.D., Ceylon, suggesting that the ship be again searched as thoroughly as possible on her arrival in the port of Colombo.

It is not unreasonable to suppose that should any member of the crew now in illegal possession of a weapon find an opportunity of disposing of it profitably at any of the ports of call between Colombo and China, he would not hesitate to do so, and I am therefore sending this interim report in case it may be considered advisable to warn by cable the authorities concerned at all ports of call between Colombo and Shanghai. I understand that the ports of call after Colombo are Penang, Singapore, Hongkong and Shanghai.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



unt Commissioner of Police.

Copy forwarded with compliments to:-

1. The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.
2. The Collector of Customs, Bombay.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

File No. 8762
Foreign Section I, Station.

Date September 5, 1929

Subject (in full) Case of Arms for German Consul General.

Made by Temp. Cl. Ass't J. A. Cook. Forwarded by John Robertson C. D. I.

The case of arms, referred to in the attached Licence No. 12 addressed to Baron Rudt. V. Cottenburgh, Consul General for Germany at Shanghai, arrived in the s.s. "Karmala" (P. & O. Line) and is at present in the Customs Godowns.

The German Consul General has not yet applied to the Customs or them. They will not be released until the German Consul General presents a "huchoo" from the National Government to the Customs.

John A. Cook
T. C. A.

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J. A. Cook
A/D. C. I.

A GERMAN "PIRATE" SHIP

Venezuelan Raider at Port of Spain: Falke Supposed to Have Arms for China

Mystery surrounds the status of the German steamship Falke, which has been branded as a "pirate," by the Venezuelan Government, with the consequent penalties for the crew, on account of the insurgent raid recently carried out at Cumana. The Falke is now anchored in Port of Spain, Trinidad, and officials there are puzzled as to how she should be treated. The crew is divided, the officers denouncing Captain Tipplitt, who, they contend, led them into trouble without their knowledge. They have consulted the German Consul at Port of Spain to determine what action to take against the captain.

According to the officers' story they left Hamburg in ballast for Gdynia, Poland, where they took aboard 125 Venezuelan exiles, headed by General Delgado Chabaud, and his son. Thence they proceeded to Cumana, Venezuela, near which place they took aboard 200 other insurgents and a large quantity of ammunition. They contend they were forced to land this with the rebels in the abortive attempt to seize Cumana, in the process of which the vessel's third officer was killed at the helm. Government troops routed the insurgents. Chabaud's son, with a small group, succeeded in regaining the Falke, which took them to Grenada.

The Venezuelan Government has asked all Governments to proceed against her. The fact that the Falke was apparently obtained for the express purpose of raiding Cumana puts a different complexion on the first reports, which told of the seizure of the vessel by insurgents near Cumana, and its subsequent use in the raid.

A Rumour Recalled

To whom does the rebel ship Falke belong? The German authorities are still in the dark as to which German company owns her and as to the details of her adventurous voyage, states a Berlin message. The German Government is particularly desirous of bringing to book any Germans who had a hand in the buccaneering adventure. Official sources state that the Venezuelan Government has not protested to the German Government, as stated in some reports.

Before the Falke left Gdynia, in Poland, the German Communist Press wrote sensational stories of how the ship (which it declared belonged to the North German Lloyd) contained "an enormous shipment of guns and machine-gun ammunition" destined to arm China.

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(FOREIGN SECTION)
DATE 1. 10. 29

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. _____

REPORT

Foreign Section, I. O. Station.

Date September 26, 1929

Subject (in full) S.S. "Falke"- Arms.

Made by Temp. Cl. Ass't Cool.

Forwarded by John Rubenstein C.D. I.

The s.s. "Falke," reported in the British and German newspapers to be bringing a consignment of arms and ammunition out to China, has been captured, according to German local sources, on her way to Venezuela. The arms and ammunition have been seized and captain- Zipplit and all the revolutionists on board arrested.

The "Falke" was flying the German flag.

It is also reported that the Hamburg Jew, Hensoth, who has been responsible for the chartering of all these arms-trafficking ships to China and elsewhere, arranged the "Falke" deal also.

T. C. A.

A/D. C. I.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.

REPORT

Foreign Section I.O. Station.

Date September 4, 1929

Subject (in full) S.S. "FALKE."

Made by Temp. Cl. Ass't J.A. Cook. Forwarded by John Robertson, C.I.D.

Regarding the arms reported by the "Rote Fahne" to be on their way to China in the s.s. "Falke," which statement has been contradicted by the North German Lloyd Company who have a ship of that name according to the attached cutting from the "China Express and Telegraph" and which is confirmed by Messrs Melchers here who are agents for that steamship company, I learn however that there is another steamer which was formerly called the "Triton" and which belonged to the German Government who used it for salvage work, but sold it after the termination of the Great War. It fell into the hands of the Berlin bankers who disposed of it to Jewish Berlin Consortium. It has been renamed "Falke." I learn that this is the steamer referred to by the "Rote Fahne" and it is actually bringing out arms to China for the North and its destination is doubtless Newchwang. The arms deal, I am told, has been arranged by the Frenchman Monsieur Verondart in Peking who also engineered the famous "Praga" arms deal.

There is no local agent for this steamer "Falke."

John T. Coar
T. C. A.

SR. 429

A/D. C. I.

*Copy of both
to authorities
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JULY 25, 1929]

The China Express and Telegraph

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CHINA EXPRESS
NO. 8760
DATE JUL 29 1929

ARMS FOR CHINA

ALLEGED GERMAN SHIPMENT

The Act placing German nationals in Germany and abroad under the obligation to refrain from taking any part in the delivery of arms to China has lapsed. The Act, by the passage of which Germany adhered to the Peking Agreement of 1919 between Great Britain, the United States and five other Powers, contained a clause stating that it would remain in force until May 1, 1929, and could be prolonged by decree. As it has not been prolonged it has automatically lapsed.

The Danzig correspondent of the Communist paper "Rote Fahne," alleges that the North German Lloyd steamer, *Falke*, left the Polish harbour of Gdynia for China with a large consignment of ammunition. The paper recalls that under an agreement reached two years ago with the shipping companies, the latter undertook not to transport arms or ammunition to China from German harbours. The "Rote Fahne" now asserts that the *Falke's* captain, recognising the impossibility of obtaining a German crew, tried his luck in Danzig, but the sailors there also refused, "out of solidarity with the Soviets." The captain was finally compelled to go to Gdynia, and hire a crew of Poles.

The North German Lloyd categorically denies the above report. It says the *Falke*, which has a cargo capacity of only 997 tons, is proceeding to London and not to China.

ARMS HAUL MADE AT HONGKONG

111 Pistols, 11,000 Rounds Of Ammunition Seized

Hongkong, Aug. 16.
As the result of information received, Revenue Officers were engaged the whole of yesterday searching for arms on board the Douglas s.s. "Haiching," which makes regular runs between Hongkong, Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.

After a long and thorough search in which practically every inch of the vessel was gone over, the Revenue men were rewarded for their patience by the discovery of the contraband in one of the coal bunkers.

Four sacks were hauled on deck, and when these were opened there were brought to light 111 automatic pistols of French make and 11,000 rounds of ammunition.

Inquiries were then made on board but the arms could not be traced to any individual. The Revenue men took their "find" ashore and stored the pistols and ammunition in the Import and Export Office.

Two Firemen Missing

Later the Police took up the investigation with a view to discovering those responsible for the placing of the contraband on board, and then it was discovered, after a muster was taken, that two of the ship's firemen had absconded.

The Haiching leaves for the Chinese ports above-mentioned to-day, and the inference is that the arms and ammunition which had doubtlessly been smuggled into Hongkong on some large ocean going vessel, had been transferred to the Haiching unknown to her Officers, for eventual smuggling into one of the Chinese ports.

This morning the arms and ammunition were transferred to Police Headquarters in the I. & E. Department's "Grey Maria."

Application To Court

Then Revenue Officer Grimmitt made an application before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central Magistracy, for an order for the confiscation of the contraband.

After taking evidence that the arms and ammunition were found on the Haiching and that they were not claimed, Mr. Hamilton made the necessary confiscation order, after which the contraband was transferred to the Police armoury.

Recd

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Information

POLITICAL BRANCH
(FOREIGN SECTION)
DATE 22.8.29

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Foreign Section I. O. Station,

Date August 15, 1929

Subject (in full) Arms per s.s. "Hanna Skogland."

Made by Temp. Cl. Ass't J. A. Cook. Forwarded by J. H. Robertson C. D. I.

Messrs Thoresen & Co., Szechuen Road, who are acting as agents for the s.s. "Hanna Skogland", report that this steamer will not come to Shanghai. She is at present at Chinwangtao where she discharged her cargo of arms, cordite, planes, machine guns, cartridges etc. etc. for General Feng Yu-Hsiang.

According to local private German sources, this arms deal was arranged by ^{the} Frenchman- Monsieur Verondart, who was formerly French Consul at Shanghai and who also arranged the famous s.s. "Praga" arms consignment to China in January 1928.

John A. Cook
T. C. A.

Usual authorities
15/8 Sea

A/ D. C. I.

ARMS FOR TROOPS

A large consignment of arms and ammunitions from Germany, which arrived in Shanghai day before yesterday, was transported to Chefoo for the troops of General Liu Tsung-lien. The consignment comprised of altogether six hundred cases of arms and ammunitions including machine gun, rifles, pistols etc. General Liu's brother General Liu Hsi-kiu, who was despatched to Shanghai a few days ago, escorted the above consignment to Chefoo yesterday. In the above consignment there are also a hundred cases of cartridges.

July 2, 1929,

Morning Translation.

MISCELLANEOUS

LARGE CONSIGNMENT OF GUNPOWDER FOR MARSHAL FENG
YU HSIANG

The Shanghai Mipro publishes the following reports:-
Feng Yu Hsiang recently placed an order with a certain Swedish company for the supply of 75,000 lbs of gunpowder. A Norwegian steamer was chartered for the transportation and left Sweden in the latter part of May for Shanghai where the cargo was to have been delivered to a representative of Marshal Feng. Delivery, however, became impossible because the National Government refused to recognize the certificate issued by Marshal Feng and threatened to confiscate the cargo.

Meanwhile arrangements were made to store the cargo in a certain explosives godown in Dairen and the steamer which had been held up at Saban, a sea port in India, sailed for Dairen on June 11. The vessel is expected to arrive at Dairen in a day or two.

The storage of explosives in Dairen at the present time is not permissible and Japanese authorities are considering ways and means to deal with this matter.

~~Secret~~
FROM: NAVAL STAFF OFFICER

TELEPHONE:—CENTRAL 10338

TELEGRAMS:—FUELITE, SHANGHAI

~~SECRET & CONFIDENTIAL~~

ROYAL NAVAL OFFICES
H. B. M. CONSULATE-GENERAL
SHANGHAI.

18-6-29.

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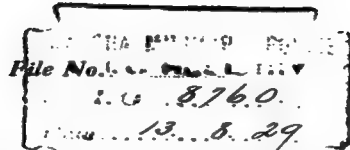
Dear Aiers -

The Norwegian ship Hanna Skogland consigned by the Asia Transportation Company Shanghai, and whose port of origin is Pottenburg, sailed from Sabang for Chinwangtao on 12th July. According to her manifest she carries as lawful merchandise 4 cases of cartridges and 729 of gunpowder. Permission was asked by the master to land the powder and store it at Sabang but this was refused.

As the cause in cypher I should be grateful if the information may not be reproduced in the daily press.

Yrs sincerely
G. Grover

G. GROVER
CAPTAIN R. MARINES.
NAVAL STAFF OFFICER
SHANGHAI



August 12, 1929

Sir,

These arms were seized by the Customs River Police on a sampun at Pootung. Fifteen are German manners, makers name "Waffenfabrik" with 5500 rounds of ammunition and eleven are six inch Browning pistols makers name "Deman" with 1000 rounds of ammunition. The number on each weapon is given on the attached slip.

Four men were arrested and remitted to the City Court of Prosecution for trial on Augt 8. They stated that they had received the firearms on Augt 6 from Chen Sih Lung on a boat at Lu Ka Chu Pootung to be delivered to another boat lying at Kuan Jao 關橋 Chinese Band.

In consequence of this information
 Chen Sik Loung and So Ah
 Long ~~were~~ subsequently arrested
 at Poohing and according to
 them the firearms and ammunition
 belonged to one Ya Le Liang 葉利良
 (a boatman by profession)
 who has absconded.

It is believed the firearms were
 to be smuggled into places
 in the interior.

Tan Loo Hing
 Clinical Asst.

YB

Ref sec.

A.D.B.I.

I recommend that the
 details given be sent to the
 usual authorities.

12/8/29

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BIG ARMS SEIZURE ON RIVER

The River Police attached to the Customs on Monday night made one of the largest seizures of arms and ammunition on the river for many months. Acting upon information they visited a small vessel anchored off Footing Point and a search brought to light no less than 26 pistols and over 6,000 rounds of ammunition. Seven of the pistols were of the heavy Mauser type.

*no one got.
Several hundred
at one time last
year. 1928*

*Mr. Tan
- JR*

These arms were seized by the River Police in a sampan when proceeding from a small Junk anchored at Footung Point on its way to another Junk- Tsing Ming- at upper Nantao Bund. They were wrapped in Shanghai newspapers.

John A. (ack)

POLITICAL BRANCH
(FOREIGN SECTION)
DATE 7-8-29

a/d.b. I.

Information and favor of return.

LCY

*B.D.I. Robertson
(Chiaison Section)*

*JH
9/8/29*

Is any information available regarding the place, the guns were made, how they were brought to China, and the place for which they were destined? Please JH

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Foreign Section

Date August 10, 1929

Subject (in full) Arrival of Arms, Explosives Etc.

Made by Temp. Cl. Ass't J. A. Cook. Forwarded by J. H. Robertson C. I. D.

The following represent the consignment of arms etc. brought from Germany in the s.s. "Ursula Rickmers" and delivered to the local Customs on August 4 under Government "huchao."

3 cases Machine guns.
4 " Cartridges for same.
18 " Machine guns.
67 " Cartridges.
17 " Pistols.
202 " Cartridges.
4 " Bergmann machine pistols, with accessories.
59 " Rifles.
477 " Cartridges.
12 " Rifles and accessories.
96 " Cartridges.

All the above were ordered from Germany by the Industry Trading Company, 20 Museum Road for the Nanking Government.

In addition to the foregoing the following explosives were delivered to the Customs.

Maluchia Dynamite Magazine

400 cases of gunpowder.
400 " dynamite.
200 " gelignite.
5 " Detonators.
5 " Fuses.

These explosives are for Messrs Jardine Matheson & Co., the Coast Defence authorities and Messrs Siemssen & Co.

A. D. C. I.

T. C. A.

TRANSLATION OF EXTRACTS FROM FRENCH POLICE INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

August 6, 1929.

At the conference over the disbandment and reorganization of the National forces, Chiang Kai Shek and other members of the National Government resolved that 7/10ths of the troops be disbanded and to retain 800,000 men as Government troops.

Yen Sih San has telegraphed to the Government stating that the soldiers of Feng Yu Hsiang will not observe the Government's orders as regards disbandment and reorganization.

The National Government has instructed the Peking-Hankow Railway not to remit to Feng Yu Hsiang the monthly contribution of \$300,000 for military expenses. The remittance to Yen Sih San, however, will not be stopped.

The troops of the Third Group under Yen Sih San will be disbanded and reorganized within two months. As soon as this has been done, Yen Sih San will go abroad with Feng Yu Hsiang.

Seong Ts Van, Minister of Finance, in agreement with the various banks of Shanghai, will issue \$5,000,000 worth of bonds in Shanghai to cover the expenses for the disbandment and reorganization of troops. 50% of the bonds will be placed on the market during this month.

At 2 p.m. yesterday a meeting was held by representatives of 17 labour unions, namely, the Commercial Press Workers Union, the Linotype Workers Union, the Union of Workers of the Chapei Electricity and Waterworks Co. etc. at the office of the Union of Workers of Foreign and Chinese Piece Goods Shops at No. 13 Po Zeng Tse Li, Kwaching Road, Chapei. Zing Fah Yai, of the Piece Goods Union, presided.

One of the resolutions passed was as follows:-

"That the Social Bureau and the Shanghai Special District Kuomintang be informed, in the name of the various labour unions in Chapei, that the Sixth District Kuomintang is oppressing the various labour unions."

380 cases of Mausers, machine guns, revolvers and ammunition ordered in Germany by the Industry Trading Co., 20 Museum Road, arrived in Shanghai on August 3 on the s.s. Hamburg. The arms and ammunition have been placed in the Customs godown in Pootung.

The Union of Restaurant Waiters (Cantonese), whose office is at No. 17 Yu Foh Li, Paoshan Road, Chapei, desires to prevent persons who are not members of the Union from working in restaurants. At 11 a.m. yesterday 50 of these persons proceeded to the Union where they created a disturbance and injured two members of the committee. 20 armed constables of the Fifth District of the Bureau of Public Safety arrived soon after and arrested six of the men.

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Beane case
P.C. to Jangmai
JR

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

File No. 8760.
Foreign Section Station,
No. 17, 2, 24.

Date July 16, 1929

Subject (in full) Seizure of Ammunition.

Made by Temp. Cler. Ass't J.A. Cook. Forwarded by

John Robertson C.D.I.

The following were seized by the local Customs' search
gang:-

July 8- s.s. "Derflinger" 52 rounds of ammunition for
automatic pistols.

July 13- s.s. "Soochow" 492 rounds of ammunition for
(B. & S.) Mauser pistols.

This latter steamer was leaving Shanghai for Hongkong.

John F. Cook
T. S. A.

Recd.

A/ D. C. I.

H.R.
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Shanghai **Municipal Police.**

C.I.D. Headquarters.

July 12th,

1929.

REPORT ON THE SEIZURE OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION BY THE KOBE POLICE.

Made by J.D.S.I. Nakamura. Forwarded by John Robertson C.D.I.

Sir,

With reference to the attached, I beg to report that at the beginning of April 1928 the Kobe Water Police seized on the s.s. "Ikoma Maru" a lead tube addressed to the Kashin Yoko, Shanghai, in which a huge amount of arms and ammunition was concealed. Enquiries by the Kobe^{Water} Police elicited the fact that two similar tubes were sent to Shanghai prior to this aboard the S.S. "Amagi Maru" on February 25, 1928 and the S.S. "Baikal Maru" on April 22, 1928, therefore the matter was referred to the local Japanese Consulate.

It was ascertained by the Consular Police authorities that Shigeichi Abe, younger brother of Jukichi Abe, Kashin Yoko, No. 121 Boone Road, had received the tubes which were sent on February 25th and April 22nd, 1928 from Kobe. He was taken into custody on April 20th, 1928 and informed the officers that the tubes were handed over to one Kimura, living in an alleyway off Broadway, who was the rightful claimant for the goods. He insisted on denying any knowledge as to the contents of the tubes.

Vain enquiries were made by the Consular officials to obtain evidence to charge him with importing arms and ammunition. However he was sentenced to 29 days' imprisonment on April 20th, 1928 for the breach of Consular regulations governing registration. He was ordered on May 22nd, 1928 to be deported from China for three years, and left here for Japan aboard the S.S. "Kamo Maru" on May 28th, 1928.

No further information is available at present at the local

Shanghai Municipal Police.

Station.

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REPORT ON (2)

Made by Forwarded by

Japanese Consulate-General.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. Nakamura
J.D.S.I.

A.C.P. (Political)

Mr Owens
It is the duty of Japanese detectives to find out things of this kind in the interest of the Settlement & I shall be glad if you will please impress this fact on them. We should not be dependant on the Japanese Consulate for all this information.

14/7/29.

Scherer
atd.

ML
12:7:29
C.I.D. Reg.
Communicated to
All Senior Japanese
detectives. Please
file. *JRH*

ARMS-SMUGGLING IN CHINA

Attempts to Ship in Japanese Steamers Thwarted

The following rough translation from the Shanghai "Nippo," reveals the huge amount of contraband arms and ammunition which smugglers attempt to bring to Shanghai.

Towards the latter part of April of this year the local Japanese Consular Police, acting on information received from the Kobe Water Police, arrested a Japanese whom the authorities suspected to have been implicated in several cases of smuggling of firearms into Shanghai. This man, however, managed to make good his escape whilst being escorted to Kobe for trial.

He and his gang employed various methods in smuggling firearms and ammunition into Shanghai from Kobe. Bales of cargo supposed to contain lead pipes were used to conceal firearms and ammunition and this form of smuggling was first brought to the attention of the authorities on February 25 and April 22, 1928. On the first occasion the str. Teijo Maru brought a consignment of contraband while on the next occasion the str. Baikal Maru was made use of to transport the contraband to Shanghai.

It is reported that the Kobe Police searched various steamers bound for Shanghai and discovered a huge stock of firearms and ammunition destined for Shanghai. The Police inspected the str. Ikoma Maru prior to her departure for Shanghai and discovered 100 automatic pistols and 15,000 rounds of ammunition. The str. Teijo Maru and the str. Baikal Maru were likewise searched which led to the discovery on the first ship of 100 automatic pistols and 10,000 rounds of ammunition and 300 pistols and 30,000 rounds of ammunition on the second vessel.

D. S. I. Nakamura

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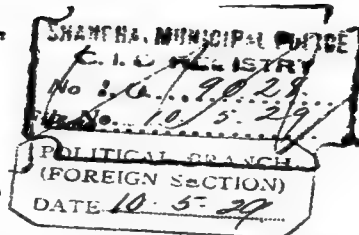
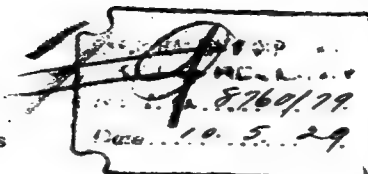
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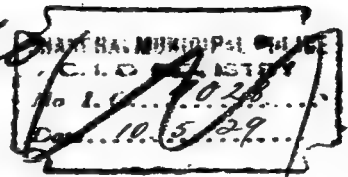


Inquiries at the Local Japanese Consulate learn that the Japanese Authorities have no knowledge of the case described in the attached newspaper cutting, nor are any of the persons mentioned therein known to them.

A. Robertson
D.C.I.

6. I.D. Reg.
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March 21st, 1929.]

THE JAPAN WEEKLY CHRONICLE.

SMUGGLING PISTOLS.

The local detectives headquarters arrested in Kobe a few days ago Hamasaki Junichi, aged 33, dealer in firearms and gunpowder, and his manager, a man named Kondo, of Haki-cho, Nagasaki-ken, and detained them at the Aioi-bashi Station. They are said to be ring-leaders in smuggling 5,000 pistols and 5,000,000 bullets, worth half a million yen, to China.

a. c. (Pol)

A.F. 24³/₂₉

Foreign Section,
For enquiry and report please

JH

Shanghai ²⁸ Municipal Police

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C.I.D. REG. NO. 8760/28
Date 27.6.29

Foreign Station Station.

June 27, 1929.

REPORT ON Axis Station

Made by Det. Chief J. A. Co Forwarded by Thos Robertson C.D.I.

The Local Customs & Excise Station

Local Customs & Excise Station

Station

The Local Customs & Excise Station "Axis Station" on
June 27, 1929.

Thos Robertson

D.S.I. Papp

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Sir,

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C.I.D. Reg.

Please file

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26/6/29

Wm.
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C.I.D. SECTION 1
No. 103 8760/77
Date 4.6.29
June 3, 1929

Subject (in full) Arms seizure.

Made by

D.I. Robertson.

Forwarded by

J. H. Robertson

C.D. 1.

With reference to the attached I interviewed Interpreter Wong of the Traffic Department on May 29, when it was decided to postpone a raid on premises at 21 Kuangpin Terrace until the informer, who is in the employ of C. Mellor, the Swedish occupant of the premises, gave information of the arrival of a further shipment of arms which was expected soon.

I now understand that detectives attached to Hongkew Station raided 21 Kuangpin Terrace on May 31 and found 32 pistols.

H. Robertson

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This am. my 2 informers went to the
Japanese brother's home (12th ^{CB EAV} Hala Rd. small size
Chinese house) asking him to go to Kungpoo
to get pistols.

This Japanese will not be in
the house 2 pistols for him.

Seen by my informers (see 1. Big barrel)

1 pistol (French make) 7 100 Rds \$40
big pistol (long handle) 7 50 " \$60

Okagawa please
1 Japanese (12th Hala Rd.)
21 Kungpoo to

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May 29, 1929.

The local Customs Authorities seized 114 pistols and 12,000 rounds of pistol ammunition on May 24 and 25 when searching the French steamer "Likiang".

On May 21, the Captain of the s.s. "Wieniffer" handed over 6 automatic pistols to the local Customs Authorities.

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Ref. No. d/ May 29, 1929.

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POLITICAL BRANCH
(FOREIGN SECTION)
DATED 29. 5. 29

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HR

May 29th 1929

John H. Lee

HR
29/5/29

A.D.B.I.
I recommend that a copy of this report be sent to the British Consulate.

J.H.L.
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. I. D. REGISTRY
No. I. O. 8260/74
Date 4.5.29

THE NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS, FRIDAY, MAY 3, 1929

THE ARMS TRADE TO CHINA

British Insurance Companies
Against Issuing Policies
on Cargo

London, May 2.

Since the raising of the embargo on arms in China many orders have been received in London for the insurance of arms and munitions consigned to China.

It is understood that the managements of many large British insurance companies are of the opinion that such insurances would be inimical to British trade interests in China and might jeopardize the lives of Europeans there.—Reuter.

Washington, May 1.

Despite the raising of the arms embargo in China and regardless of the action of the other Powers hereafter, the United States Government announces that it will maintain a strict embargo on such shipments in the future. This course is described as "an example to the other Powers" and as an extension to the Far East of a policy already successfully applied to Mexico. The only arms and munitions that will be allowed in China-bound ships are those authorized by the Chinese National Government.—Reuter.

Lee

YB

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Information.

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SHANEEA MURPHY
C. L. G. H. L. L. 7
No. 1. G. 876.0
Date April 19, 1929

The Customs Authorities when searching the German steamer "Doike Rickmers" on April 17, seized 99 pistols, mark "Jupiter" (French make) and 13,000 rounds of ammunition for same.

These arms, it has been learned, were taken on board at Antwerp.

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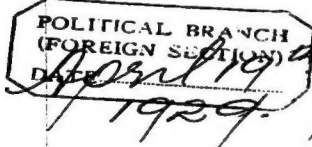
*H. B. M. Consul-General
Col. Halland,
Capt. Shelley,
Lieut. Carlson*

C. Y. Lu 19.4.

(C.I.D.) Office Notes

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John A. Cook

C. I. D. Reg.
Please prepare copies for the
various authorities.

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Date *17.4.29*

(C.I.D.) Office Notes

A.R.C.

The German Steamer,
"Verke Rickmers", delivered to the
local Customs on April 15th
10 cases of pistols
87 " " ammunition for same.
which were immediately cleared
by "huahao" and delivered to the arsenal.
These small arms were consigned
to the Industry Trading Company
20, Museum Road.

In addition to the above
72 cases containing 12 cars and
sea planes were delivered to
Messrs. Siemens & Co.
60 Kiangse Road
for the Nanking Government.

POLITICAL BRANCH
(FOREIGN SECTION)
DATE *April 18*
1929.

John T. Lee

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C. I. D. Reg.
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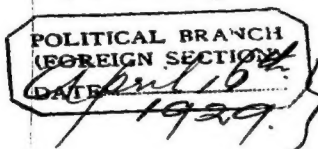
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A. N. C. C. I.

On April 14th, during a search of the French steamer "Athos II", Messageries Maritimes, the Customs authorities seized 33 pistols and 100 rounds of ammunition for each.



John T. Cook

A.R. 16th

C. I. D. Reg,
Please prepare copies for
the various authorities. JMK
16/4/29

W.C.
17/4

copy to:
H. B. M. Consul General.
Col. Halland.
Capt. Shelley.
Lieut. Carlson.
C. Y. M. 17.4.

Free Arms Supply To China Proposed

Japan Opposes Idea; Powers
Want to Dispose of Old
Arms—The Motive

Special to The Osaka Mainichi
PEKING, Mar. 29.—The treaty concluded among the Powers for prohibiting the export of arms to China is likely to be abolished soon. The abolition of the arms treaty was proposed by Sir Miles Lampson, British Minister to China, at a recent conference of the Ministers held in Peking, on the ground that supplying arms to China by the powers would not encourage disturbances, inasmuch as the country has been unified.

The American, French and Italian Ministers favoured the proposal, but Japan objected to it on the ground that complete peace had not yet been restored in China and that the abolition of the arms treaty would encourage civil wars.

Will Eventually Disappear

No agreement, therefore, was reached at the conference, and the Ministers asked for instructions from their home Government. The Powers, excepting Japan, being strongly in favour of the abrogation of the arms treaty, it is expected that it will be ultimately accomplished. A report says that two or three countries have already commenced to supply arms to China.

It is stated that Britain, America and some other countries have come to favour the abolition of the treaty because of big orders for arms coming from China and also because these countries frequently replace old arms with new equipment.

a. c. (Pol)

From information received from reliable sources the gist of the above article is

substantially correct.
Information of J.H.S.

J.H.S.
14/4/29.

JCM

H. Robertson
D.T. 13 4/29.